

PHOTO AND FILMS IN T. V. PROGRAMME

*151. SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that photographs and films of unimportant and out-dated events are shown in T.V. Programmes; and

(b) if so, why ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

PAKISTAN'S ANTI-INDIAN PROPAGANDA

*152. { SHRI U. S. DUGAL :
SHRI JAGAT NARAIN : }

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently asked their Diplomatic Missions abroad to be prompt in countering Pakistan's anti-Indian propaganda;

(b) if so, the precise instructions issued; and

(c) the circumstances under which these instructions were issued ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) to (c) Directives including policy directives and publicity directives to counteract anti-Indian propaganda are issued from time to time to our Missions abroad. However, publication of the precise instructions and the circumstances under which they are issued would not be in the public interest.

ALLOTMENT OF NEWSPRINT

*153. SHRI N. R. M. SWAMY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the forthcoming general elections, Government propose to allot additional quota of newsprint to the newspapers; and

(b) if so, the quantum of such allotment ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Fifteen per cent. of the entitlement for a period of three months on application.

IMPORT OF RAW FILMS

*154. SHRI M. M. DHARIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of raw cinematographic film imported during the year 1965-66;

(b) what is the maximum length allowed for feature films; and

(c) whether Government propose to cut down the length of feature films ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) April to December, 1965—704.93 lakh metres. Information for the period from January to March, 1966 is not readily available.

(b) There is no restriction.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

MEDIATION OFFER FROM IRAQ ON KASHMIR

*155. SHRI B. K. MAHANTI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 26th March, 1966 that according to Bagdad Press the late President of Iraq had offered to mediate between India and Pakistan over the question of Kashmir; and

(b) if so, whether any communication was received from the late President of Iraq in this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE

*156. SHRI G. MURAHARI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether the Govern-